

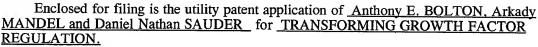
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## UTILITY PATENT <u>APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER</u>

## **Box PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



[ ] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE** PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. [ ] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure \_ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent. Also enclosed are: [X] 2 sheet(s) of [X] formal [ ] informal drawing(s); [X] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [X] hereby made to 2,327,630 filed in Canada on December 5, 2000; [X] in the declaration; [ ] a certified copy of the priority document; [ ] a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees; [ ] an Assignment document; [ ] an Information Disclosure Statement; [ ] a patent application data sheet; and [ ] Other: [X] An [ ] executed [X] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s) [X] also is enclosed [ ] will follow. [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed. [ ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:



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- --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. \_ entitled \_ and filed on \_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--.
- [ ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
  - --This application is a continuation of International Application No. \_ filed on \_, which International Application [ ] was [ ] was not published by the International Bureau in English on \_.--.
- [X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00 (101)
Total Claims	19	MINUS 20 =	-0-	× \$18.00 (103) =	-0-
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	-0-	× \$84.00 (102) =	-0-
If multiple dependent cla	aims are prese	ented, add \$280.00	(104)		
Total Application Fee					\$740.00
If small entity status is c	laimed, subtra	act 50% of Total A	pplication Fe	ee	
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[X] This application is being filed without a filing fee and without an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

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